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REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for his comments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this patent application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks. Currently, Claims 1-37 are pending. No new matter has been added by this Amendment.

Amendment to the Claims

Applicants have added new Claims 38-49 and request cancellation of non-elected Claims 26-37. Support for new Claims 38-49 is provided in original Claims 15 and 26-35.

The total number of claims remains unchanged and the number of independent claims also remains unchanged. Therefore, no fee for additional claims is due at this time.

If the Examiner feels that any issues remain regarding this Restriction Requirement, then Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to discuss the case with the Examiner. The undersigned can be reached at (847) 490-1400.

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